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LOK SABHA

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UPGRADATION OF TOURIST PLACES IN ODISHA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has selected some tourist centres in Odisha for their expansion, beautification and upgradation with the help of central assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): The State of Odisha is replete with tourist destinations. Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consu- ltation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

A national mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) has been announced in the Union Budget 2014-15 with a view to beautify and improve the amenities and infras- tructure at Pilgrimage centres. Puri is one of the 12 cities which have been identified under PRASAD.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Central Finance Assistance (CFA) to the Government of Odisha for the development of tourism infrastructure in the State. The details of the CFA sanctioned to the State during the 11th and 12th five year plan are annexed.